

The Greater Austin Emmaus Community Newsletter



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The BEST Walk Ever!!!

Our Women's Walk #142 has come and gone and I'm still feeling the emotions of the weekend. It was truly special and God was with us every step on the journey. Our pilgrims bonded quickly and it just carried through the entire weekend. It wasn't without a few hiccups, thanks to a buzzard landing on a transformer and knocking out power to all of Woodcreek just as we started the service on Saturday night. The Candlelight was truly candle lit, serving communion by flashlight and candles, along with our skit time. But we persevered; after all, God is Good, All the Time!

Our 2018 Walks have been scheduled, and we have those Lay Directors in place. Coe Groce will be the Lay Director for Men's Walk #144 (a gross) scheduled for April 19-22, and Chris McKemie will be our Lay Director for Women's Walk #143 to be held November 15-18. Team selection dates will be announced soon, so go to our website today and fill out an application to serve on the inside team. Jesus is counting on You! Yes, YOU!

Another consideration in 2018 is serving on the Board. We will have several openings for Board positions and I would like to put a challenge out there, to take a leap of faith, just as you did when you went on your walk, and serve on the Board. One of the talks speaks about Changing Our World, and what better place to start than by serving on the Board. Think about it, and if the Lord is talking to you about making a difference, please reach out to one of the Board members.

2018 is right around the corner and with the New Year there will be changes. The Board has listened and by popular demand we will be going back to the services starting at 7:00 and the agape feast to follow the service.

Our next Gathering will be on November 2nd at Lake Travis United Methodist Church at 1502 Ranch Road 620 North. This Gathering will also be the Welcome Back for the pilgrims from Walk #142. We want everyone there to help in welcoming these pilgrims into our community and show them our agape love. The potluck will begin at 6:30 followed by the service. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Please put on your calendars the following Gatherings on the first Thursday of the month: December Gathering at Cedar Creek UMC; January Gathering at Oak Hill UMC; February Gathering at Bethany UMC; March Gathering at St. Mark UMC; and April Gathering at Pflugerville UMC.

De Colores! LeeLeen Sundbeck Lay Director



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http://www.austinemmaus.org

Emmaus Sunday! Don't forget!

The first Sunday of each month is Emmaus Sunday. Wear your cross and lanyard to worship. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring awareness to the Walk to Emmaus!

The WalkTalk deadline is the 20th of each month.

Please send your articles, information, community opportunities, 4th Day experiences/reflections to:

WalkTalkEditor@austinemmaus.org

The October 5th Gathering was at Covenant UMC, with 91 attending, and Linda Miles gave an inspiring Fourth Day talk.

Check out the Gathering schedule on the last page. They are normally the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. Childcare available.

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2018 Austin Community Sponsored Emmaus Walks

Men's Walk #144 April 19 — 22, 2018 CYJ, Wimberley

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Women's Walk #143 November 15 — 18, 2018 CYJ, Wimberley

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Women's Walk #142 Servant Team



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Photos from
Emmaus Gathering
October 5, 2017
Covenant UMC





















Next Gathering Thursday, November 2 Lake Travis UMC 1502 North RM 620 Austin, 78734

Potluck at 6:30 Worship at 7:15



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Food for Thought

In Genesis 1:3 it says, "Let there be light..." For the life of me I could not find a verse in the Bible that says, "Let there be food", but we all know that food is one small part of each Walk to Emmaus. On Women's Walk #142, October 12-15, 2017, we were blessed with many acts of food agape, including homemade cookies.

The title of one of the talks during the Walk is "Christian Action". John 13:14 says, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." Christian action reminds us to go be the hands and feet of Jesus. Reach out to others. Continually ask what God might be asking us to do.

One act of agape received for the Walk was a batch of homemade sugar cookies shaped as hands and feet. The cookies didn't last long but the reminder to BE the hands and feet of Jesus hopefully will.

WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome Back Pilgrims of Women's Walk #142! THE BEST WALK EVER!

Alison Talbert Ann Romans-Kissman Avis Day Barbara Wynne Catherine Clark Cynthia Nelson Cindy Osborne **Evelyn Corporon** Gayle Junker Gwen Williams Heidi Baschnagel Judith Frost Katie Beitelshees La Juana Sanford Lea Walker-Clark Leslye Irwin Mary Bailey Mary Shook Mary Tidwell Mervl Kettler Nancy Bertolino Patricia Tyler Stephanie Sperry Tana Reeve Tisha Christopher



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Upcoming Greater Austin Emmaus Gatherings

2017 — Potluck at 6:30p, Worship at 7:15 p 2018 — Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast

2017/2018 Gatherings

November 2, 2017

Thursday, November 2, 2017 Potluck Dinner at 6:30, worship at 7:15 Lake Travis UMC 1502 North RM 620, Austin, 78734 4th Day Speaker TBD

December 7, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017
Potluck Dinner at 6:30, worship at 7:15
Cedar Creek UMC
5630 FM 536, Cedar Creek, 78612
4th Day Speaker TBD

January 5, 2018

Thursday, January 5, 2018 Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast Oak Hill UMC 7815 Hwy. 290 West, Austin, 78736 4th Day Speaker TBD

February 1, 2018

Thursday, February 1, 2018 Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast Bethany UMC 10010 Anderson Mill Rd., Austin, 78750 4th Day Speaker TBD

March 1, 2018

Thursday, March 1, 2018 Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast St. Mark UMC 601 W. Braker Lane, Austin, 78753 4th Day Speaker TBD

April 5, 2018

Thursday, April 5, 2018 Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast Pflugerville UMC 500 E. Pecan St., Pflugerville, 78691 4th Day Speaker TBD

May 3, 2018

Thursday, May 3, 2018 Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast Location TBD 4th Day Speaker TBD

June 1, 2018

Thursday, June 1, 2018 Worship at 7:00, followed by agape feast Location TBD 4th Day Speaker TBD

To reserve childcare, send an email to:

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